

MURDER TRIED ON TRIAL

Ed. Batson, Who Killed Six Members of Family Before the War.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Apr. 18.—Ed. Batson, who is on trial here for the murder of six members of the Earl family near Welsh has been positively identified by a dozen witnesses as the man who attempted to sell Ward Earl's mules at Lake Charles, February 14. Among the witnesses was Miss Maud Earl, who is one of the two survivors of the Earl family. She testified as to the ages of the family. Her father, mother and four brothers were the persons murdered and she also relate the finding of the bodies 10 days or two weeks after the murder was perpetrated.

Batson's mother is a regular attendant at court and her son is very affectionate toward her.

DEWEY INVITED TO DINNER

To Celebrate the Anniversary of Battle of Manila.

DENVER, April 18.—Admiral Dewey has been invited to come to Denver and be a guest of honor at a banquet which the First Regiment, Colorado National Guard, will give to General Frederick Funston, commander of the department of the Colorado at the Windsor Hotel, May 1, the anniversary of the battle of Manila Bay. The invitation was sent to Admiral Dewey yesterday by Colonel Verdeckberg, of the First Regiment, and Captain Ellison, of Company E, both of whom are on the committee which has charge of the banquet and reception. Letters have been written the Colorado representatives in Washington requesting them to call upon Admiral Dewey and urge him to accept the invitation.

ACTRESS IN LUCK

CHICAGO, April 18.—Miss Sybil Clifton, one of the five flower girls in "The Chaplains," is heiress to a fortune of \$100,000 in oil lands, left by her uncle, Huntington Hale, who died near Beaumont, Texas, two days ago, and willed his estate to his niece, Miss Clifton has received a telegram notifying her of her good fortune. Her uncle went to Texas 20 years ago and bought land which of late has turned out to be rich in oil. Miss Clifton has ambitions for a musical training which her parents were too poor to give her. She says she will first provide for her parents and will, next year, go to Europe to study music.

SPANISH WAR CLAIMS

Government Claims It Is Not Liable for Losses in Cuba.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Lawyers of this city who are pushing various claims against the government growing out of the war with Spain and the Cuban insurrection proceeding it, have received a brief and demurrer to their petitions, in which the federal lawyers assert that Captain General Weyler's reconcentrado order was justifiable under the rules of civilized warfare.

Plaintiffs in the case claim that while they were citizens of the United States their sugar plantations were destroyed by the Cuban insurgents. The United States government is looked to it for reimbursement because of the agreement with Spain as to the mutual relinquishment of claims on behalf of their citizens or subjects growing out of the war and insurrection and the announcement that the United States would settle the claims of its citizens against Spain so relinquished as set forth in the peace treaty.

The government's main contention is that a state of actual warfare obtained in Cuba at the time of the alleged losses and that therefore under another provision of the treaty it is not liable.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL

NEW YORK, April 18.—Among the passengers who are expected to arrive next Saturday from Europe is Lord Kelvin, one of the most distinguished representatives of science in Great Britain. This is his third visit to America. He will remain about three weeks.

FATAL ACCIDENT

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Miss Laura Heapes has been fatally injured and Jesse L. Boogher, president of the Boogher, Force & Goodbar Hat Company, seriously hurt by the sudden fall of a heavy derrick at the cemetery of corner state laying at the new Cabanne Methodist Episcopal Church.

LEFT SUDDENLY

NEW YORK, April 18.—United States

Minister Hunter left suddenly for home Tuesday, according to a Herald dispatch from Guatemala City. The object of his trip, the correspondent adds, is not known.

BACK FROM EUROPE

NEW YORK, April 18.—Ex-Governor James S. Hogg, of Texas, who has just arrived from London, where he has been since February, will remain here a week or more before continuing his journey to Texas. Mr. Hogg laughingly refused to discuss the "knee breeches" episode but consented to express himself on the Boer War. "The end of the trouble in South Africa," he said, would gratify every Englishman, especially as the coronation is so near. The people do not want to celebrate while blood is being shed."

MERGER SUIT

ST. PAUL, April 18.—The suit of the State of Minnesota against the railroad merger, brought in the district court of Ramsey county, has been removed to the United States district court. Motion was made and granted for these reasons. Because the suit involved the construction of the act of congress and of the constitution of the United States.

REDUCED DUTY

MELBOURNE, Aus., April 18.—The federal house of representatives today reduced the duty on imported machinery from 20 to 15 per cent. A tariff bill was afterwards passed through the committee stage. It goes to the senate April 23. The bill contains a provision allowing of the suspension of duties where there is evidence that such duties lead to a formation of trusts and combinations.

CHOLERA IN MANILA

MANILA, April 18.—The cholera epidemic is unabated. Totals for Manila up to noon today were 332 cases and 252 deaths; for provinces, 551 cases and 430 deaths.

ZIONISTS CONVENTION

NEW YORK, April 18.—Louis Lester son, honorary secretary of the Federation of American Zionists, announces that the date of the fifth annual convention of the Federation has been changed from June 23 to May 26 and 27. The convention will hold its business session at Faneuil Hall, Boston. One hundred and sixty five societies will be represented at the convention and delegates will be in attendance from as far west as Key West, Florida.

WHEAT MARKET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Wheat, cas, 114.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Wheat, May, opened, 74 1/2; closed, 73 1/2.

TACOMA, April 18.—Wheat, bluestem, 66; club, 65.

PORTLAND, April 18.—Wheat, Walla, 64 1/2; bluestem, 66.

PRICE OF SILVER

NEW YORK, April 18.—Silver, 52 1/2.

THE QUEEN BETTER

HET LOO, Holland, April 18.—Queen Wilhelmina's fever has not abated but the condition of the royal patient is said to be satisfactory. It is believed the malady will not assume an ordinary malignant character.

STREET CAR STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Local division of the Amalgamated Associa-

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tion Street Railway Employees voted tonight to go on a strike Sunday morning. The strike will affect all lines in the city but two. It is expected nearly 3000 men will go out.

NEW INCORPORATION

TRENTON, N. J., April 18.—The Oregon & Southeastern Railway Company, capitalized at one million, to construct and operate railroads in the State of Oregon, was incorporated here today. The incorporators are K. K. McLaren, Horace F. M. Gould and Ewan J. Dudley, all of Jersey City.

STRICKEN AT THE ALTAR

NEW YORK, April 18.—Charles Finck and Mary McIntyre were about to be married in the Sacred Heart Church, says a World special from Trenton, N. J., when both the bridegroom and the best man were suddenly stricken with appendicitis. The priest was at the altar and the bride and bridegroom were advancing toward it when the young man was stricken. As he fell his best man also was stricken.

TROUBLE IN COLOMBIA

Complaint Against Commander McCrea of the Navy by Panama Governor.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The navy department is expecting a cable report from Commander McCrea at Bocas Del Torol. Pending the reception of the report officials remain confident that McCrea has acted wisely at Bocas, not withdrawing a complaint attributed to Governor Salazar of Panama. Assuming that the launches seized by revolutionists were of American ownership there are still reasons why McCrea should proceed cautiously before actually intervening. The property of the United Fruit Company is entitled to the protection of the Colombian government and that government must formally declare its inability to afford such protection before our navy would be justified in taking active measures to recover the boats. One necessary step probably would be the temporary taking possession of the Isthmus by the United States to insure a full exercise of its authority. It is doubtful whether the Colombian government is ready to accept this condition.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden Taken to Task

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 18.—At today's session of the National Editorial Association, W. H. Tuttle, of Chicago, attorney for the National Publishers' Bureau, severely arraigned third assistant postmaster general, Madden, on account of rulings recently made in regard to the mailing of certain classes of publications. Avery Moore, of Idaho, moved that convention pass a resolution asking congress to investigate the acts of the third assistant postmaster general, and take summary action, but Moore's motion was out of order and a motion to suspend the rules was lost. State Senator Garry A. Wilford, of Booneville, N. Y., was elected president of the association.

OHIO STANDARD TIME

A Case Where a Fire Insurance Policy Hinged on a Minute.

AKRON, O., April 18.—Noon comes at 11:37 legal standard time in Akron, according to a decision just handed down by the supreme court. Thomas Mier took out a fire insurance policy on his saloon at 11:30 standard time, five years ago, the policy being dated noon of that day. At the very minute he was getting the policy the saloon caught fire and was burned. Ohio law makes standard time legal time and the company refused to pay the \$2000 insurance on Mier's saloon. The case was fought through the supreme court, which has decided that "noon" meant the time the sun passed the meridian at Akron, which is at 11:37 standard time. The court ordered the insurance company to pay.

UNITED STATES TROOPS

Many Changes Made in Assignments of Same.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—General order by the war department directs many changes in the stations of troops in the United States, made necessary by the incoming troops from the Philippines and Cuba. Among the assignments are the following: Departments of Dakota and Columbia—Third cavalry, Fort Assiniboine, Montana, and Yellow Stone, Yellow Stone National Park, Fort Walla Walla and Boise Barracks. Department of Columbia—Seventeenth Infantry, Yancouber Barracks, Forts Lawton and Wright, Wash., and Boise Barracks, Idaho.

AERIAL TOURNAMENT

Important That Definite Plans Should Be Published at Once.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—An effort is being made by the exposition officials to induce Professor S. H. Langley, of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C., to accompany M. Santos-Dumont and members of the world's

fair staff to St. Louis for the conference which is to be held Monday. The conference will be if possible made the occasion for defining the rules and regulations of the aerial tournament. The mass of correspondence which has been received at headquarters on this subject, most of which has been in the form of questions relative to the tournament, has made it highly important that definite plans should be published without delay.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

San Pedro and Noyo Badly Damaged by Misunderstanding Signals.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Steamers San Pedro and Noyo collided a short distance off port last night through a misunderstanding of the signals and both vessels were badly damaged.

SALE OPENS TODAY

BAKER CITY, April 18.—Managers of the Hereford thoroughbred cattle sale, decided that owing to threatening weather it would not be advisable to attempt a parade and formal opening of sale today. The show and sale will open tomorrow morning.

PROTOCOL SIGNED

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 18.—Ratification of the protocol providing for the renewal of diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela was signed today by representatives of both countries. This terminates the suspension of relations between France and Venezuela which was broken in 1895.

DIED OF HEART DISEASE

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Major Octavius L. Pruden, one of the assistant secretaries to the president, died tonight from an affection of the heart, aged 60. Major Pruden occupied a confidential position at the White House for many years.

FREIGHT AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, April 18.—A freight agreement has been reached between four of the lines plying from this port to Australian points, and the cutting of rates has been abandoned. The Tyser Line announces that hereafter a steamship will be sent out monthly for Australian and New Zealand ports. The first steamship on this regular schedule will sail on April 20.

MEAT DEALERS ARRESTED

ST. PAUL, April 18.—The wholesale meat dealers arrested at investigation of the retail dealers, having been arraigned on the charge of using horax as a meat preservative. They demurred to the charge and their cases were continued until April 23. A case of similar import to these is now pending in the supreme court and it is expected that a decision will be had before the date of trial.

RATIFIED THE PROTOCOL

NEW YORK, April 18.—Venezuela has ratified the protocol for the renewal of diplomatic relations with France, says a Caracas dispatch to the Herald. Charles Wiener, now the French minister to Uruguay, will be the new minister to Venezuela.

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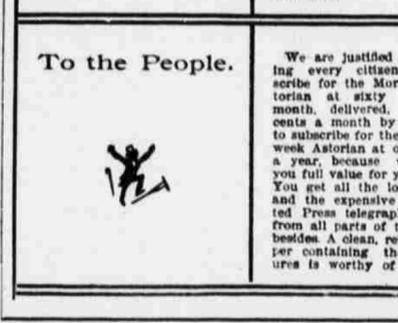
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